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SENATE BILL No. 484

DIGEST OF SB 484 (Updated February 3, 2005 10:43 am - DI 102)

Citations Affected: IC 5-10.

Synopsis: State police officer survivor health benefit. Requires the state police department to offer to provide and pay for health coverage equal to health coverage offered to active state police officers for the surviving spouse and dependent children of certain state police officers who die in the line of duty.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

**Wyss, Craycraft, Meeks,
Young R Michael, Riegsecker**

January 18, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor.
February 3, 2005, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 5-10-8-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 6. (a) The state police department,
3 conservation officers of the department of natural resources, and the
4 state excise police may establish common and unified plans of
5 self-insurance for their employees, including retired employees, as
6 separate entities of state government. These plans may be administered
7 by a private agency, business firm, limited liability company, or
8 corporation.
9 (b) **Except as provided in IC 5-10-14**, the state agencies listed in
10 subsection (a) may not pay as the employer ~~portion~~ **part** of benefits for
11 any employee or retiree an amount greater than that paid for other state
12 employees for group insurance.
13 SECTION 2. IC 5-10-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
14 A **NEW CHAPTER** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
15 1, 2005]:
16 **Chapter 14. State Police Officer Survivor Health Coverage**
17 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "dies in the line of duty" refers**

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to a death that occurs as a direct result of personal injury or illness resulting from an action that an employee, in the employee's capacity as an employee, is obligated or authorized to perform by rule, regulation, law, or condition of employment.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "employee" means an individual who is employed full time by the state as a state police officer.

Sec. 3. (a) If the state police department offers health coverage for active employees, the state police department shall offer to provide and pay for health coverage under the health coverage plan provided for active employees for:

(1) the surviving spouse; and
 (2) each natural child, stepchild, and adopted child;
 of an employee who dies in the line of duty, regardless of whether the death occurs before July 1, 2005, or on or after July 1, 2005.

(b) The health coverage for a surviving natural child, stepchild, or adopted child provided under subsection (a) continues:

(1) until the child becomes eighteen (18) years of age;
 (2) if the child is:
 (A) enrolled in and regularly attending a secondary school;
 or
 (B) a full-time student at an accredited college or university;
 until the child becomes twenty-three (23) years of age; or
 (3) if the child is physically or mentally disabled, until the end of the physical or mental disability;
 whichever period is longest.

(c) If the state police department offers health coverage to active employees, the health coverage that the state police department provides to a surviving spouse or a natural child, a stepchild, or an adopted child under this section must be equal to that offered to active employees.

(d) The state police department's offer to provide and pay for health coverage under subsection (a) must remain open as long as the state police department continues to offer the health coverage for active employees, and:

(1) a surviving spouse is eligible for the health coverage under subsection (a); or
 (2) a natural child, a stepchild, or an adopted child is eligible for the health coverage under subsections (a) and (b).

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senator Young R Michael be added as coauthor of Senate Bill 484.

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SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senator Riegsecker be added as coauthor of Senate Bill 484.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 484, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 484 as introduced.)

HARRISON, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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